



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.33  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1731**

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09877.0189-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Giacomo Stefano Roba <i>et al.</i>	)	Group Art Unit: 1731
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Application No.: 09/986,622	)	Examiner: John M. Hoffman
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Filed: November 9, 2001	)	
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For: METHOD AND INDUCTION	)	Confirmation No.: 5933
FURNACE FOR DRAWING	)	
LARGE DIAMETER PREFORMS	)	
TO OPTICAL FIBRES	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2005 and in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith, the period for response having been extended to February 7, 2006 by the filing of a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time on December 7, 2005, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the amendments and appended remarks.

On December 21, 2005, Applicants filed an Amendment After Final. In an Advisory Action mailed January 10, 2006, the Examiner declined to enter the Amendment After Final. As this Amendment responds to the issues raised in the July 7,

2005 Office Action, Applicants request that the Amendment After Final previously filed on December 21, 2005 not be entered upon receipt of the RCE filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please note that the attorney docket number for the above-captioned application has changed to 09877.0189-00.

**Amendments to the Specification** are included below and discussed herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.